GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:831
ANSWERED ON:28.11.2005
POACHING OF GIBBON
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

:

(a) whether the rare species of Gibbon is also being subjected to poaching ;

(b) if so, the number of Gibbons killed during the last three years alongwith their current population; and

(c) the remedial steps proposed/taken in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Few incidents of poaching of gibbons have been reported. However, no alarming reports have been received from the States.

(b) During the last three years two Gibbons have been reported to be killed in the State of Mizoram: As per information available, the population of hoolock gibbons in States having important habitat for the species is given at Annexure-I.

(c) The steps taken for protection of Gibbons are as follow :

1. Hoolock gibbon has been included in Schedule I of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, thereby affording highest degree of protection to the species.

2. The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 has been further amended in 2002 and made more stringent against wildlife related crimes.

3. Intensive patrolling by anti poaching staff of State Forest Departments.

4. In the community forests the help of Village Council Authority together with socio economic development of the fringe villages is undertaken to elicit their cooperation in conservation efforts.

5. Increasing awareness towards conservation through the media.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 831 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.11.2005 REGARDING POACHINGOF GIBBON

POPULATION IN MAJOR GIBBON BEARING STATES

S. No.	NAME OF STATE	POPULATION
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	70
2.	Assam	1,985
3.	Manipur	200
4.	Mizoram	Not available
5.	Tripura	80
6.	Meghalaya (as per census in 399 Nokrek National Park)	
7.	Nagaland	20